

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



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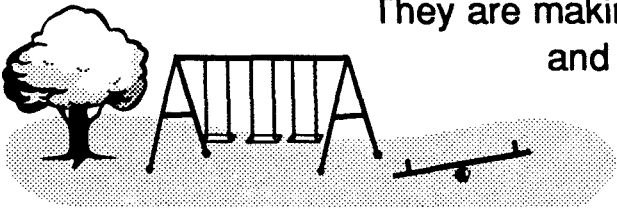
Workers in Your Neighborhood

You will soon see people dressed like this



in your neighborhood.

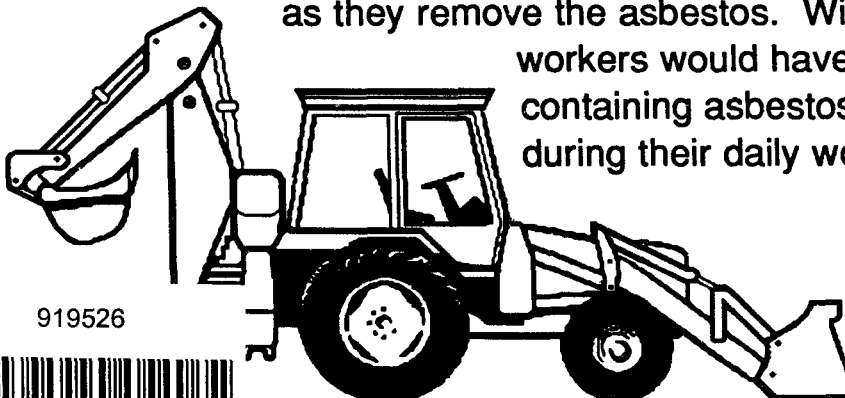
Don't be afraid! They are workers for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ).



They are making your neighborhood a healthier place to live and play. These workers will be removing asbestos from yards and playgrounds because scientists have found that asbestos may cause health problems.

The workers will be dressed up in special suits. These suits look strange, but they will protect the workers' health.

The masks they wear will help trap any dust that might get into the air as they remove the asbestos. Without the masks the workers would have to breathe any dust containing asbestos that might be raised during their daily work.

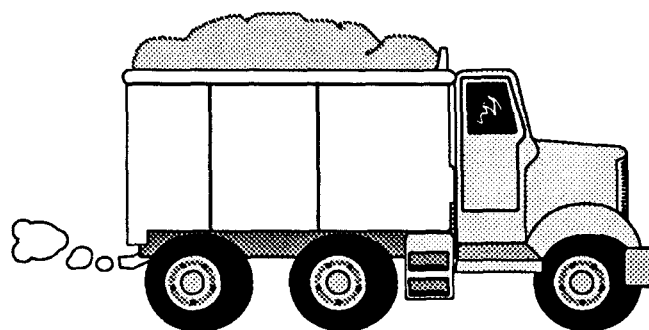


The workers will be using shovels and backhoes to pick up the asbestos.

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They will then put the asbestos in a truck, and they will haul it away to a special place where they can dispose of (get rid of) the asbestos safely.



Next, the workers will replace the asbestos in the yards with clean dirt or grass.

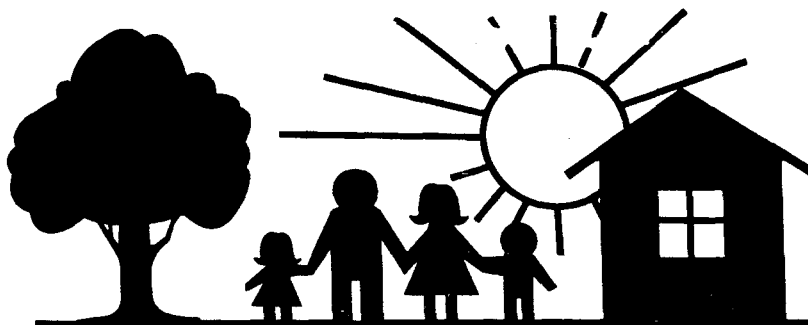
They will replace the asbestos driveways with crushed (powdered) limestone. The powdered rock will be pressed down, and the driveways will be hard and safe.

Please do not go where the workers are working to watch or play until your parents tell you it is safe to do so.



So you can see the workers in the strange suits are your friends, even if they do look funny.

They will help you and your family stay well



(so that you can go to school and do all your chores!)



If you have any questions about the asbestos removal in the Westbank area, tell your parents to call 363-4917, or our toll-free number at 1-800-533-3508. For more information about the Environmental Protection Agency, also call 1-800-533-3508.